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SUBJECT: CAMBODIAN AND VIETNAMESE DIPLOMATS REQUESTS FOR ASYLUM

REF: (A) CANBERRA 3177; (B) TOKYO 7083; (C) GENEVA 3545;
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1. REFERENCE B COULD, WITH MINOR CHANGES, DESCRIBE THE SITUATION OF FORMER CAMBODIAN AND VIETNAMESE DIPLOMATS CURRENTLY IN AUSTRALI. GOA DOES NOT RPT NOT WANT VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIANS ASSOCIATED WITH FORMER GOVERNMENTS TO REMAIN HERE, HAS GIVEN THEM TEMPORARY RESIDENCE PERMITS VALID ONLY UNTIL DECEMBER 31, AND HAS INDICATED THAT PERMANENT RESIDENCE STATUS WILL ONLY BE GIVEN TO THOSE WHO MEET STANDARD CRITERIA FOR IMMIGRATION TO AUSTRALIA.

2. WE REALIZE THAT GOA HAS INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS TO ASSIST REFUGEES AND WILL, IF PRESSED, GRUDGINGLY ALLOW THESE FORMER DIPLOMATS TO REMAIN. BUT FOR REMAINDER OF 1975 THESE DIPLOMATS HAVE MERELY BEEN TOLD THAT TEMPORARY RESIDENTS CANNOT ACCEPT EMPLOYMENT OR RECEIVE UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OR ANY OTHER SOCIAL WELFARE BENEFITS. MOREOVER, THERE IS NO RPT NO INDICATION THAT
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THE GOA IS PREPARED OVER THE LONGER TERM TO ASSIST THEM IN

COPING WITH THE BUREAUCRATIC RED TAPE WHICH SURROUNDS EMPLOYMENT AND RESETTLEMENT IN AUSTRALIA. THESE MEN ARE VIEWED BY THE LABOR GOVERNMENT AS REPRESENTATIVES OF DISCREDITED AND CORRUPT REGIMES, AND THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS MADE IT CLEAR TO THEM THAT IT REALLY DOES NOT WANT THEM TO REMAIN HERE.

3. THE THREE FORMER DIPLOMATS IN CANBERRA HAVE HAD NO RPT NO SUCCESS IN APPROACHING OTHER GOVERNMENTS OR THE UNHCR FOR RESETTLEMENT, AND THIS EMBASSY BELIEVES, AS DOES EMBASSY TOKYO, THAT WE SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO PROCEED WITH GRANTING PAROLE TO THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES. (REF A). UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE IN SYDNEY HAS TOLD EMBOFF THAT QTE UNCLE SAM WILL HAVE TO SPREAD HIS WINGS END QTE TO PROVIDE LONG-TERM RESIDENCE TO THESE PEOPLE.
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